

MINUTES OF THE  
WORK SESSION OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON  
August 6, 2007

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled work session at the John Robert Kernodle Senior Activities Center on August 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Jones, Huffman Starling and Wall

Councilmembers absent: None

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

Other Staff Present: Bob Harkrader, Gary Hicks, Jim Lauritsen, Tony Laws, David Beale, Mike Williams and Renee Ward

Others Present: Staff of Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP), a division of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Media Present: Tomas Murawski, Alamance News, and Bob Boyer, Times-News

A) Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP)

Tony Laws introduced Deborah Amaral, Mike Herrmann, and Perry Sugg with EEP and a representative from Arcadis. The purpose of EEP is to undertake projects for watershed improvements (local watershed planning) and to design solutions for impaired waterways. EEP works to increase local government awareness of urban growth on water resources and water quality monitoring.

EEP is reporting on stream restoration projects at the City Park and Willowbrook Park. Both of these parks are located in the little Alamance Stream basin and are designated as

impaired by the State. Both projects are funded through EEP funds. Proposed plans for City Park would include reshaping eroded channel banks in the park along the ball fields to give flood plain relief and to create habitat enhancement structures. Similar methods would be used at Willowbrook Park. EEP asked the City Council to consider authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would better define goals of the project. Construction would begin in the fall of 2008 and should last 10-12 months.

Gary Hicks explained that the City has previously agreed to stream restoration projects at Willowbrook and City Park and that EEP would like to do a basin-wide water quality assessment which will help the City with Phase 2 Stormwater Requirements, and could also help in future assessments for the proposed Jordan Lake Rules.

City Councilmembers asked for additional time to consider the project.

#### B) Annexations

Bob Harkrader said that the Council would be asked to set a date of public hearing for two annexations at the August 7, 2007, City Council meeting. Both annexations, Highland Elementary School and Joe Davidson Park, are voluntary and will assist law enforcement and emergency responders.

Harold Owen pointed out that the City of Burlington would be responding to police and fire calls in and out of the City limits along University Drive, Bonnar Bridge Road and Garden Road.

Chief Williams said that the Highway Patrol would continue to work accidents on I-85/40 through Alamance County and that the City work accidents in the University Drive area.

C) Billboards

Bob Harkrader said there are 53 structures with a total of 84 billboard sign faces in the interstate corridor within the zoning jurisdiction of Burlington. He displayed maps showing the locations. He stated that City Council would be asked to approve a sign via conditional rezoning at the August 7, 2007, Council meeting. He said staff recommended against the rezoning.

D) City Manager Comments

National Night Out - August 7, 2007 - Meet at 5:45 pm at the Municipal Building

Burlington Royals - City Employee Night - August 9, 2007 - Fire Department vs. Sheriff's Department Softball at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jondeen D. Terry  
City Clerk